

AIA CHICAGO Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 27, 2020, 12:00pm – 1:30pm

Video Conference Call

Attendees

P April Hughes (President)	P Chey-Wen Taylor (Director)	P Jeremy Gentile (Assoc. Dir.)	P Zurich Esposito (Exec VP)
P Jessica Figenholtz (Pres-Elect)	P Manuel Hernandez (Director)	P Jose Rodriguez (Int'l Assoc. Dir.)	P Peter Exley
P Mindy Viamontes (Sponsorship)	P Oswaldo Ortega (Director)	P Ryan Biziosek (Affiliate Dir.)	
P Jennifer Park (Honors/ Awards)	P Jason Golub (Director)	P Chris Carpenter (Affiliate Dir.)	
P Drew Deering (Advocacy)	P Natalie Hicks (Director)	P Andrew Jiang (Student Dir.)	<u>Key</u>
P Laura Garcia (Secretary)	P Tim Tracey (Director)	P Jeff Jenó (IL Delegate)	P Phoned in
P Patricia Saldana Natke (Treasurer)	P Lynda Dossey (Director)	P Joseph Lai (IL Delegate)	■ Present
P Robert Forest (Past President)		P Terran Wilson (IL Delegate)	□ Not Present

Meeting Minutes

1. **Welcome** by April Hughes. This meeting was held as a web based video call due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

2. Approve April 2020 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: The April 2020 minutes were reviewed. Robert Forest motioned to approve the minutes, Jessica Figenholtz seconded the motion.

3. President Report

SUMMARY: April Hughes introduced Peter Exley to discuss the National Strategic Plan. The national plan was unanimously approved and will become effective in November of this year. It prioritizes climate action. It also aims to embed equitable principals. Advertisements are focused on climate change and environmental stewardship. The plan is under limited circulation right now and is in this month's Dropbox. Jessica Figenholtz asked about time frame and interim goals and Peter said that there will be some items that will be prioritized, in particular regarding equity and environment. There isn't too much that is set in stone. There was discussion about advocacy relative to climate and Covid-19. The 2020 meeting and elections will be held this year at the end of the summer.

4. President Elect Report

SUMMARY: Jessica Figenholtz reported last month that the strategic planning is on hold. Now, the national plan has been approved and there is value in creating this framework for the future. Jessica asked the board about moving the plan forward and timing, and several board members spoke about how there is value in both reflection and forward thinking and planning, and agreed it should move forward. Also several voiced concern about member engagement and timing. The thought was to refocus on the future, step away from the immediacy of the current situation, and reestablish our mission, goals, values and overall plan. Jessica will be reengaging ESC to start meetings again.

5. Executive Vice President Report

SUMMARY: Zurich Esposito started with reporting on upcoming programs. Programming is up at typical levels, although all programming is still virtual. Planning for the SPAs are going well, and conversations are starting about how to handle Designight. The expectations and responsibility to sponsorship is a little higher for the Design Excellence Awards. The annual meeting at the end of the year will also likely be virtual. We will be looking at how national will handle voting remotely/electronically as an example for how we could handle our annual meeting in December.

6. Committee Report – Finance

SUMMARY: Pat Natke reported on finances. Membership is down (as expected) with affiliates being down in particular. AIA Chicago received a PPP loan and finances are in better shape for this year. She reported on budgeting for Designight and other events this year. We don't want to use all of our money on programming this year since we don't know what is going to happen next year with membership and sponsorship levels.

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7. Committee Report - Sponsorship

SUMMARY: Mindy Viamontes reported that we are down relative to last month. SPAs are down from last month because a sponsor pulled out but we are hopeful for good attendance at the event next month. For Designight, the hope is to roll some of the sponsorship over to advertising opportunities for a virtual event, and the same potentially for a virtual annual meeting.

ACTION: We ask all Board Members to sign up for the SPA event if you haven't yet!

8. Committee Report – Honors and Awards

SUMMARY: Jennifer Park reported that the Design Excellence Award planning is in good shape. The new socially just award launch is being postponed to next year. There are 3 Diversity Scholarships this year, 1 from each school in Chicago. Jennifer started a conversation on the Lifetime Achievement Award, which the Board nominates and selects. Board members who want to nominate a candidate have to write a letter of support for the candidate and the Board will vote in July. In order to vote you must be present at the Board meeting in July. There is a list of past winners and past nominees in the Dropbox folder for this month's meeting.

9. Committee Report – Membership and

SUMMARY: Laura Garcia reported that membership levels are stable and affiliate membership is down which is as expected. The membership committee will be meeting to discuss strategy for membership next year.

10. Committee Report - DOB Working Group

SUMMARY: Laura Garcia reported on various DOB updates. The new code is going into full effect Aug 1 as planned, with no changes to the timeline. A cleanup ordinance was passed on the new code in January and is being issued as a supplemental insert (on yellow paper). In late June there will be a 1 day class for self cert architects who have not yet reupped under the new code. Generate the application number and pay the initial city fee to submit under the old code before the end of July. A sustainability task force and advisory panel may be put together later this year or in 2021 to look at possible zero code policy and code updates. Manuael Hernandez noted that the Planning Department has introduced an ordinance about accessory dwelling units on 5/21 and will be posting to Dropbox.

11. Committee Report - Advocacy

SUMMARY: Drew Deering discussed how we are starting to go back to talking about climate change from the pandemic and they are working on messaging about going back to work for membership.

12. AIA IL Committee Report

SUMMARY: Jeff Jenó reported on virtual programming at the state level. The next State quarterly meeting is happening online in June.

13. EDI Committee Report

SUMMARY: No report.

14. LGBTQI Committee Report

SUMMARY: No report this month.

Meeting adjourned

Next Meetings

Board Meeting – 6/24/20 @ virtual meeting (12pm – 1:30pm)

ExCom Meeting – 6/17/20 @ virtual meeting (8am – 9:30am)

Documents Distributed: See the May 2020 Dropbox folder for all documents.